

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the telephonic interview held on 09 December 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 12102004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Li Cai on December 9, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-3 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) [The] A dynamic baby cleaning and changing pad, [comprises] comprising: a stationary pad [1] having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of opposing side surfaces, a head end and a foot end; [mounted on] a support [3] having a top surface, a bottom surface, a head end and a foot end, wherein said bottom surface of said stationary pad is mounted on said top surface of said support and said head end of said stationary pad is substantially vertically aligned with said head end of said support; [and] a movable pad [2] having a top surface, a bottom surface, a head end and a foot end, wherein said bottom surface of said movable pad [that] can slide on said top surface of the support [3] between a first position wherein said foot end of said stationary pad is

contiguous with said head end of said movable pad and said foot end of said movable pad
is substantially vertically aligned with said foot end of said support, and a second position
wherein said foot end of said stationary pad does not contact said head end of said
movable pad and said foot end of said movable pad longitudinally extends past said foot
end of said support in order to create a space between the stationary pad and the movable
pad; [. On both sides of the stationary pad 1, there are] safety belts [4] and their holders
[5.], wherein one of the safety belts and one of the holders are attached to one of said side
surfaces of said stationary pad and another of the safety belts and another of the holders
are attached to the other of said side surfaces of said stationary pad, the safety belts and
their holders being situated along a common lateral axis of said stationary pad; [On the
top of the movable pad 2, there are] and clean diaper holders [7] that attach a clean diaper
on said top surface of the movable pad [2. Moving the movable pad away from the
stationary pad can create a space 9 between the stationary pad 1 and] , said clean diaper
holders extending upwardly from said top surface of the movable pad [2].

2. (Amended) The dynamic baby cleaning and changing pad of claim 1 wherein [said] a water container [11] can be inserted in the support [3,] underneath the space [9];.
3. (Amended) [The] A dynamic baby cleaning and changing pad, [comprises]
comprising: a support having a top surface, a bottom surface, a head end and a foot end;
[and] soft pads on the top surface of the support [. The] , the soft pads comprise

a pair of stationary pads [1, 10] mounted on the support, each said stationary pad having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of opposing side surfaces, a head end and a foot end, wherein said head end of one of said stationary pads is substantially vertically aligned with said head end of said support, said foot end of the other of said stationary pads is substantially vertically aligned with said foot end of said support and said stationary pads are longitudinally spaced from each other, and a soft pad [2] that can move between said stationary pads [1 and 10. On both sides of the stationary pad 1, there are] , said soft pad having a top surface, a bottom surface, a head end and a foot end and being movable between a first position wherein the foot end of the stationary pad proximate the head end of the support is contiguous with said head end of said movable pad and said movable pad and the stationary pad proximate the foot end of the support are longitudinally spaced from each other, and a second position wherein the foot end of the movable pad is contiguous with said head end of the stationary pad proximate the foot end of the support and said movable pad and the stationary pad proximate the head end of the support are longitudinally spaced from each other; safety belts [4] and their holders [5] , wherein one of said safety belts and one of said holders are attached to one of said side surfaces of said stationary pad proximate the head end of said support and another of said safety belts and another of said holders are attached to the other of said side surfaces of said stationary pad proximate the head end of said support, said safety belts and their holders being situated along a common lateral axis of said stationary pad proximate the head end of said support; [on the top of the movable pad 2, there are] and clean diaper holders [7] that attach a clean diaper [6] on said top surface of the movable pad [2. There is a space

9' between movable pad 2 and stationary pad 10. When the movable pad moves to the stationary pad 10, a space 9" appears between the stationary pad 1 and] , said clean diaper holders extending upwardly from said top surface of the movable pad [2].

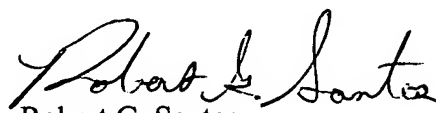
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner respectfully asserts that none of the prior art, taken either singly or in combination, is seen to suggest the use of a changing pad having the highly particular structural configuration of at least one stationary pad and a movable pad each having a bottom surface mounted to the top surface of a support in combination with safety belts and their holders mounted to opposed *side* surfaces of the at least one *stationary* pad as well as clean diaper holders mounted to the *top* surface of the *movable* pad as explicitly recited in Applicants' independent claims 1 and 3. With regards to the cited prior art, both the Furnback '856 and Pascal '866 references are considered to disclose the use of changing tables comprising sections which are slidable relative to each other; however, the sections included in both of these disclosed changing tables are slidable in a telescoping fashion as opposed to being movable in an overlying manner in which the respective sections have end surfaces that may be vertically aligned as claimed by Applicants. Since an updated search of the prior art yielded no other references pertinent to Applicants' claims, it is considered that the application is currently in full and proper condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert G. Santos whose telephone number is (703) 308-7469. The examiner can normally be reached on Tues-Fr and first Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather C. Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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